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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7193**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 457

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 22, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 8, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Food Establishment Exemptions.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Banks

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Ober

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill allows for rabbits to be slaughtered and processed without inspection under certain conditions and sold on the farm, at a farmer's market, or at a roadside stand. It requires that rabbits exempt from inspection and sold on a farm, at a farmer's market, or at a roadside stand be frozen at the point of sale. The bill also requires the State Department of Health to make recommendations to the Health Finance Commission to clarify certain laws governing certified food handlers and food establishments exemptions.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH):* This bill provides that the ISDH adopt rules to allow rabbits to be slaughtered and processed on the farm, at a farmer's market, and at a roadside stand. The bill also requires the ISDH to review applicable laws and rules governing exceptions to the requirements for certified food handlers and food establishments. The ISDH would be required to present recommendations concerning these issues to the Health Finance Commission before November 1, 2013. The ISDH should be able to accomplish these activities within the current level of resources available.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Local Health Departments:* Local health department food safety inspections may increase if consumer complaints increase as a result of the sale of rabbits at farmer's markets and roadside stands. Any fiscal impact would depend upon local circumstances.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana State Department of Health; Board of Animal Health.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local health departments.

**Information Sources:**

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